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WILLIAM HARTSHORNE,
And
COMPANY,

HAVE for sale a quantity of West-India and New-England rum by the hogshead, a variety of DRY GOODS, *by wholesale and retail, as usual.—Tobacco, Wheat or Flour, will be received in payment.—Such of our Customers as can make it convenient, would much oblige us by making payment, as we are in much need at present, to carry on our business and support our credit—those especially whose accounts are more than six months standing, we hope will make it a point to pay.*

Alexandria, Sept. 14, 1784.

GEORGE-TOWN ACADEMY LOTTERY.

SCHEME of a LOTTERY for raising Fourteen Hundred Dollars, to be applied to the Purpose of purchasing a House for the use of the George-Town Academy.

1 Prize of	1000 Dol. is	1000 Dol.
2	500	1000
4	200	800
8	100	800
10	50	500
16	25	400
30	10	300
50	8	400
600	4	2400
721 Prizes,		7600
To be applied for the Use of the Academy,		1400
2279 Blanks,		9000
3000 Tickets at 3 Dollars,		9000

The right Education of Youth is an Object of such vast Importance to Freedom and Happiness, that there needs no Strength of Reasoning to recommend the above Scheme, which is meant to promote it, to the Patronage and Encouragement of a liberal Public.

☞ Tickets may be had of Messieurs Robert Peter, William Deakins, jun. Bernard O'Neill, Henry Townsend, John T. Boucher, Benjamin Stoddert, Robert Philips, Samuel Davidson, Brook Beall, and Dr. Walter Smith, at George-Town; William D. Beall, at Bladensburg; Henry Lyles, at Alexandria; Thomas Clagett, at Piscataway; Abraham Faw and Patrick Sim Smith, at Frederick-Town; David Stewart, Cumberland Dugan, and —— Henderson, at Baltimore; David Crawford, at Upper-Marlborough, and Alexander Clagett, at Hager's-Town.

The Drawing will commence at George-Town as soon as the Tickets are all sold.

The Managers are Robert Peter, Benjamin Stoddert, and William Deakins, jun. who will faithfully execute the Trust reposed in them.

September 14, 1784.

MOLASSES in hogsheads, and sugar in barrels, together with cash, given for Tobacco and Flour, by JOHN MURRAY, and COMPANY, *at their store in Fairfax-street, opposite the Court-House, in Alexandria; and in Dumfries, on the north side of Quantico Warehouse.*

☞ *A white or black Servant, who can be well recommended, is wanted on hire.*

Alexandria, Sept. 15, 1784.

TO BE SOLD at the PRINTING-OFFICE, A Variety of Writing Paper, Dutch Quills, Paper Hangings, Blank Books, gilt and common Letter Paper, Sealing-Wax, Wafers, Inkpowder, Pounce, Ink-Stands, Black Lead Pencils, &c.

RAAB, (Hungary) May 26.

AN extraordinary phœnomenon happened not far from this place on the 24th of last month; when there fell a great quantity of scorching powder, nearly resembling what was seen during the ravages in Iceland. This shower of inflammatory sulphur, which is thought to have issued from some vulcano, lasted but a minute; yet it burnt the hair of all the cattle that were in the fields.

NETHERLANDS, June 11.

We are assured that the government of Brussels has declared in substance to our Ministers Plenipotentiary, that it was agreeable to perceive that their High Mightinesses were disposed to compromise matters amicably; and that they were engaged in drawing up their contrapretensions on the government, which was desired to be exhibited as soon as possible; but that the government were much surprised to perceive the disturbances which their High Mightinesses created by their causing the marching of troops to the frontiers, which would put the Emperor under the necessity of causing his troops in like manner to march, that he might not stand exposed to unforeseen attacks from this quarter.

LONDON, *June* 26.

A French settlement on the island of Madagascar has long been in contemplation with the Ministry at Versailles, and it is asserted at Paris, that a colony has actually been established there within these few months, and that the natives have ceded a large tract of land to the subjects of his Most Christian Majesty.

June 29. The forfeited estates in Scotland, are, we hear, to be restored immediately to the heirs of the ancient proprietors. This politic step will be of great advantage to the agriculture and industry of Scotland.

It is now asserted that Lord Camden has accepted of the office of Lord Privy-Seal, for which appointment his Lordship will kiss hands immediately on his return from Ireland, where he has gone on a short visit to his son-in-law, Mr. Stewart.

July 1. The Lords of the Admiralty have laid a paper before the House of Commons, containing a brief list of all the ships in commission on the day of meeting of the new Parliament, which is as follows: Of the line, 3 ship of 90 guns, 1 of 80, 14 of 74, 2 of 70, and 9 of 64 guns, 8 of 50 guns, 36 frigates, 83 sloops, and 24 cutters, in all 180 ships of war, carrying 29,876 seamen, including marines. Of the above, 1 ship of 80, 2 of 74, 2 of 70, and 2 of 64 guns, have been since paid off, or now under orders for that purpose, by which upwards of 3000 more seamen are discharged.

It is said that upwards of a thousand excise officers will be thrown out of employ, when the Chancellor of Exchequer's new plan of regulation respecting the duties upon tea shall be carried into effect.

Extract of a letter from Stockholm, April 20.

"It was in 1779, that the States of the kingdom assembled in this capital, granted an entire liberty of conscience; and in 1781, that the King allowed to the Roman Catholics the free exercise of their religion; they had been deprived of it since the reign of Gustavus Vasa, which includes a space of 250 years, during which time they had no other resources but those which the private chapels of the ministers of the Catholic powers afforded them. Pope Pius VI. being informed of this happy revolution, sent here M. Pascal Oster, a Doctor of Divinity of the diocese of Mentz., in quality of Apostolic Vicar; he arrived here the latter end of July 1783, furnished with a letter from the Sovereign Pontiff for the King, to whom he was presented, and who issued letters patents, dated September 15, by which his Majesty conferred on him the general direction of the spiritual affairs of the Catholics of his kingdom. On the 8th of October last Mr. Oster convoked all the Catholics settled in this city, to communicate to them the full powers he had received from the Pope, and from the King's letters patent. That Assembly elected four Superintendants to second him, and preside with him in the building of a church. In the mean time, until it can be built, the King has been pleased to grant to the Catholics, the use of a large hall in the Town-House, situated in the square of Soder-Malm. On Easter Sunday the inauguration of that chapel took place; M. Dachmin, belonging to the Legation of Vienna, and M. Tharraram, belonging to that of Spain, the only Catholic Priests in this city, assisted the Apostolic Vicar in the function: Mass was celebrated there for the first time, and was sung by the King's band of music. The Duke of Sodermania chose to be present at that solemnity, and was followed by a great number of persons of distinction. The Holy Bread (a cake blessed at Easter, cut in small pieces, and given to the congregation) was distributed by the Countess de Wrede, Lady of Honor to the Queen."

July 12. It is reported that the Persians have made themselves masters of Bassaro and Bagdad, and that they have laid waste all their environs. This will render the passage to India by land extremely dangerous. The Captain Pacha (High-Admiral) has sailed from Constantinople, with a squadron of 11 ships of war, 3 gallies and some xebecs, on an expedition of importance. Many other vessels were under orders and preparing to follow him.

The Prince of Wales, of 90 guns, ordered to be built in the King's yard at Portsmouth, is the only new ship laid down since the conclusion of the war. The French have been more diligent. At Toulon they have laid two new ships, on which they are going to build two ships of 80 guns. At Brest they have already laid down, since the commencement of the present year, one of 74 and one of 64 guns. The Spaniards have, in the same period, began to build the Phœnix, of 90 guns, the St. Michael, of 80, and Diligente, of 70; but the Dutch, who are now to be reckoned among the list of our natural opponents, have been the most indefatigable, having, in the course of the last twelve months, begun nine new ships of the line, viz. three at Amsterdam, Two at Rotterdam, one at Flushing, two at Middlebourgh, and one at Helveotsluys.

It is said a great lawyer has proposed a plan for preventing the mischiefs arising to society from a long imprisonment for debt, similar to the law established in Scotland, called *Cessio Bonorum*, by which all persons, after being confined 60 days, and surrendering, upon oath, their whole property, for the benefit of their creditors, are liberated. Any concealment of effects being proved, is punished capitally.

Balloon hats, of *azure* hue, are the *rage*. From the prodigious dimensions of some, together with the colour, it is no very extravagant flight in the wearers, to suppose they have always a *blue sky* over their heads, let the *Heavens frown* as they may!

July 23. Accounts from Vienna mention, that the Emperor is continually giving proofs of his moderation with respect to the differences between the Protestants and Catholics. Last month his Imperial Majesty appointed Mr. Diemed, the Advocate, to be inspector of Books at Ratisbon. Upon this the Chancellor of Mentz protested, on account of that lawyer being a Lutheran. The Emperor immediately returned the remonstrance, having added the following words at the bottom: "According to the treaty at Westphalia, every kind of religion has an equal right in the Roman empire, and it becomes me to see all treaties preserved inviolate.

(Signed) JOSEPH."

An Italian philoſopher, in the Duchy of Milan, who reſides in that country, has made a diſcovery in fattening cattle, which is likely to prove a great fortune to him. He had many tubs and pans of different preparations, from which to extract air, and obſerving that an ox came often to him and licked up the ſtuff in one of the pans, and then went to feed, and repeating it ſeveral times, it caught his attention to mark the effect, fearing it might hurt the beaſt; but to his ſurpriſe, it was ſo far from being attended with any ill effect, that the ox fattened with uncommon celerity, as he purpoſely ſupplied him with his favourite diſh. The beaſt was fatter in two months than the reſt of his companions were in ſix. Surpriſed at this reſult, the philoſopher, the enſuing ſeaſon, put ten head of oxen to fatten, giving the ingredients to all of them to lick; and they fattening as quickly as the former, the profits were ſo great, that he immediately contracted with various graziers to enable their cattle to fatten in the ſame manner as his own, and the regular ſucceſs was ſo great, that the diſcoverer is likely to prove one of the greateſt fortunes in Italy. It is remarkable, that the fat thus gained is as firm and good as any other.

TAXES propoſed for the next budget.

On the Honeſty of Lawyers.
the Chaſtity of Stews.
the Piety of the Church.
the Diſintereſtedneſs of Oppoſition.
the Moderation of Phyſicians.
the Baſhfulneſs of Widows.
the Sobriety of Rakes.
the Taciturnity of Wives.
the Modeſty of Pleaders.
the Negligence of Beaux.

KINGSTON, (Jamaica) July 7.

By late accounts from Antigua we learn, that ſeveral attempts had been made during the laſt month, to ſet fire to the town of St. John's, in that iſland, by ſome concealed incendiaries; but they had all as yet been happily fruſtrated; the inhabitants, however, were ſtill under dreadful apprehenſions, nightly patrolling the town, in order, if poſſible, to diſcover the perpetrators of this iniquitous buſineſs.

July 17. Accounts have been received from the north ſide, of the Pimento-walks having ſuffered very conſiderable damage, by the late rainy and ſqually weather; many trees being entirely ſtripped of their bloſſoms; which muſt neceſſarily occaſion the enſuing crop to fall greatly ſhort of what was expected.

Several attempts have been lately made to ſet fire to houſes in and near Jew-alley; but diſcoveries being timely made, the iniquitous deſigns were happily defeated. Two Jews, and ſeveral Negroes, were apprehended on ſuſpicion; but, on their examination before a Magiſtrate, nothing appearing to criminate them, they were of courſe diſcharged.

July 24. By the depoſitions of two ſeamen, who brought the ſchooner Providence, formerly commanded by Robert Ferguſon, into Port-Royal harbour, it appears, that the ſaid ſchooner, being on a voyage from this iſland to that of Curracoa, put into an unfrequented harbour, on the Spaniſh main, commonly called Bay-Hunda, where Captain Ferguſon, with four of his hands, went on ſhore, leaving only two men on board to take care of the veſſel. Shortly after they landed, they were attacked by a numerous body of Savages well armed, who without the ſmalleſt provocation, fired upon them; whereby two ſeamen were ſhot dead on the beach, and Captain Ferguſon mortally wounded, though he made ſhift to eſcape from his murderers, and got on board the ſchooner, but died the next day in great agony. The perſons who were left on board the ſchooner can give no account of the other two men, but that they were ſeparated from their companions by the Indians, and perhaps ſuffered a more lingering death, as they never ſaw them afterwards. The two deponents, who were eye-witneſſes to this moſt tragical ſcene, without being able to afford their unfortunate comrades the ſmalleſt aſſiſtance, very much to their credit, navigated the veſſel back to this port.

An Antigua paper of the 15th of June, mentions his Majeſty's ſloop of war Experiment having ſailed from Grenada to St. Vincent's, with the light-infantry company of the 60th regiment, to aſſiſt in curbing the inſolence of the Caribs, who have become extremely troubleſome to many of the planters, having been furniſhed with arms and ammunition from Martinico.

MONTEGO-BAY, July 17.

We learn from Hiſpaniola, that a change has taken place, or is about to do ſo, in the higher departments of the government of that iſland. Monſ. de Belcomb and Monſ. de Bongaris, Governor and Intendant, are to be ſucceeded by the Compte de Damas, and Monſ. de Guillaumie, in thoſe ſtations.

Thurſday laſt arrived at Lucea, the ſhip General Elliott, Captain Cornwall, from Philadelphia, in 25 days.

NEWBURY-PORT, Auguſt 27.

We hear from Falmouth, Caſco-Bay, that a veſſel arrived there laſt week, which ſailed from that place laſt May for the Gulf of St. Lawrence, on a voyage for ſea-cows. Soon after her arrival there, the Maſter, Captain Reuben Higgins, and three of his crew went out in a boat, and pierced one of thoſe animals with one of their iron weapons for that purpoſe; but the cord (to which it was faſtened) having accidentally got entangled in the boat, the cow in her flight, with the inſtrument fixed in her body, forced the boat under water, and left the unfortunate crew immerſed in that dreadful element. Captain Higgins and one of his men were drowned, but the other two were ſaved by the men who (as is common in ſuch dangerous enterpriſes) remained in the veſſel to obſerve the motions of the adventurers. Captain Higgins had lately removed to Cape-Elizabeth (a town adjoining to Falmouth) from Truro, on Cape-Cod, which place he ſome time ſince repreſented at the General Court. He was a worthy man---A ſorrowful widow and eight or nine children bemoan his death.

A curious fiſh of about 300 weight, we hear, was caught by ſome fiſhermen in the bay, and carried to Boſton laſt week. It is ſix feet long, and ſeven broad, with an appendage, anſwering the purpoſe of a rudder, by which it turns in the water; it is of the cruſtaceous ſpecies: The fiſherman ſtruck at it with a harpoon, which it ſeized with ſuch force as to indent its teeth into it, by which means he was caught, not being able to rid his teeth of the inſtrument.

SALEM, Auguſt 31.

We find, by the laſt advices from England, that a famine prevailed in Scotland, and that application had been made to the Britiſh Houſe of Commons, in order to obtain relief for the wretched inhabitants who were threatened, as obſerved by one of the members, "with all the horrors of ſtarvation." Sir Thomas Dundas deſcribed in very feeling terms, the ſituation of thoſe miſerable people---his ſenſibilities were worked up to ſuch a pitch as to render his language broken and interrupted, and even dropped the ſympathetic tear—*of hypocriſy*. Several ſpoke in favor of the propoſed relief, after which the matter was ordered to be reported.

NEW-YORK, Auguſt 30.

To the Printer of the New-York Packet.

It is worthy of obſervation, and ought to be made public, that the inſect which has almoſt totally deſtroyed the wheat on Long-Iſland and Weſt-Cheſter county, is known to have very little or no effect on the bearded wheat: This has been proved by their being ſowed in the ſame field on Long-Iſland, and nothing but a furrow between them—the bald wheat totally cut off, and the bearded wheat a very good crop. It is conceived that the difference is owing to the ſtraw of the bearded wheat being much ſtronger and harder than the other; and as the quality of the bearded wheat for making fine flour, is known to be quite equal to any raiſed in this ſtate, it is hoped that every farmer that can procure it, will ſow that and no other.

Sept. 7. His Excellency Governor Clinton left Albany ſome days ſince, on his way to the Indian treaty, which is to be held at Fort Schuyler. We are informed that a number of Indian Chiefs have already arrived at ſaid place.

Extract of a letter from London, dated July 6.

"Mr. Pitt, the Miniſter of the day, ſeems to poſſeſs at preſent the confidence of the people and their repreſentatives. They ſee, or rather think they ſee, the virtues of the father renovated in the ſon. He has laid on many new taxes, and is ſtill continuing more; but the laying of new taxes makes no real addition to the revenue; for if one tax produces 80,000l. there will be a deficiency of an equal ſum from another tax. In ſhort, taxation has been carried to its utmoſt length, and the impoſition of new taxes is like removing a pain from one part of the body to another. Mr. Pitt has had more ſchemes ſubmitted to him for the loan of the preſent year, than would ſerve to coufound nine-tenths of all the financiers in Europe.

Sept 13. Saturday laſt arrived here the brig Mary, Captain Roxborough, in 45 days from Greenock. In ſaid veſſel came paſſengers the Reverend Dr. John Witherſpoon, and ſeveral other gentlemen of the clergy.

By the Courier de l'Orient, Captain Coetnempren, we learn that the enfranchiſement which the city and port of l'Orient were to enjoy, has been reſtricted to the port only, and not to the city.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Boſton, to his correſpondent in this city, dated Sept. 1, 1784.

"We have received here the moſt authentic account of the plague having broke out at Leghorn; this melancholy event ought to be publiſhed by every printer on the continent; more eſpecially in New-York, where I am informed there is no health-office."

Sept. 15. The officers of the late army gave a public dinner to the Marquis Fayette, at Cape's tavern, on Monday laſt. The company was numerous, and the utmoſt hilarity appeared on every countenance, excited at the happy opportunity of offering a reſpectful tribute of gratitude to a Nobleman, whoſe generous efforts in the cauſe of freedom ſo materially contributed to erect the ſtandard of liberty in the congenial ſoil of America. We are informed the Marquis propoſes to leave town this day, to be preſent at the treaty arranging at Fort Schuyler, between the Indians and the United States, and then embark for France.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 11.

Extract of a letter from Kingſton, in Jamaica, dated Auguſt 3, 1784.

"On Friday night the 30th of July we had one of the moſt ſevere hurricanes known for theſe forty years paſt. Of one hundred and fifty ſail of veſſels at Kingſton and Port-Royal, only ſix or eight are ſaved, among which is the Jett, Captain Gibſon, who drove on a mud bank at Greenwich, and will be got off; and it is ſaid that all the veſſels in the out ports are totally loſt. All the ſugar works in the windward part of the iſland are blown down; in ſhort no pen can deſcribe the havock; and what is worſe, there is not proviſions in this town ſufficient for two weeks.

"A petition has been preſented by the community to Lieutenant-Governor-General Clarke, to admit a free importation of proviſions and lumber for 6 months, but he refuſed it."

Sept. 14. A moſt horrid murder was laſt Tueſday committed on the body of Timothy M'Auliffe, at his houſe in Front-ſtreet, oppoſite Black-Horſe Alley. In the afternoon of that day, his ſervant lad (about 17 years old) was obſerved to ſhut up the houſe, and after locking the door, went off, giving out that his maſter had gone to Jerſey, and that he was going ſomewhere elſe to work, until his maſter returned. The three following days people in the neighbourhood were exceedingly incommoded by a diſagreeable ſmell which ſeemed to come from Mr. M'Auliffe's houſe: On Saturday it was ſo offenſive that ſome perſons determined to enter the houſe, and accordingly got in at one of the windows, when they beheld a ſpectacle too ſhocking for deſcription. The man had been murdered in his bed, ſuppoſed on Tueſday laſt, and remaining in the ſame ſituation ever ſince, was nearly devoured by vermin. By a mark on his ſcull it appeared that the horrid deed had been committed with a hammer, as one was lying near. The boy was ſeen on Saturday evening at the lower end of the town. A reward is offered for apprehending him, on ſuppoſition of his being the perpetrator, which appears highly probable, as no perſon beſides him and his maſter was ſeen in the houſe during the above-mentioned time; and the deceaſed having a large ſum of money by him on the Monday before, ſeems to confirm this ſuſpicion.

Yeſterday arrived here the ſhips Congreſs, Capt. Knox, from Londonderry; Three Brothers, Gillis, from Belfaſt; and Favourite John, Hughes, from Dublin. Theſe veſſels have brought near one thouſand paſſengers. The Favourite John, had thirteen weeks paſſage.

The ſhip Commerce, Capt. Truxton, is arrived here in eight weeks from London. In this veſſel came paſſengers, Mrs. Montgomery, John Lardner, Eſq; Dr. Griffiths, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Vallentine, and Mr. Samuel Fiſher, of this city; Mr. Patterſon, of Baltimore; Mr. Henderſon and Mr. Hobart.

Sept. 16. Laſt Sunday morning, the Honourable Arthur Lee, and Brigadier General Richard Butler, two of the Commiſſioners appointed by Congreſs for negociating treaties with the Indians, in the northern and middle departments, ſet out from this city on their way to Albany, where they will be met by the Honourable Oliver Wolcott, one of their colleagues, and from thence they will proceed to Fort Stanwix, for the purpoſe of treating with the Six Nations, who are directed to attend there on the 20th inſtant. The goods, &c. for this treaty, left this city ſome days ago.

In our laſt we mentioned the murder of Mr. M'Auliffe, and that his ſervant (James Burke) who was ſuſpected of the fact, had gone off.—From good information it was found that he had taken his paſſage on board a brig bound to Cork, and which had ſailed from this port on Saturday laſt. Mr. Carrell, a friend of the deceaſed, immediately ſet out in purſuit of the veſſel, and by extraordinary activity and perſeverance, overtook her near Bombay-Hook, about 20 miles below Reedy-Iſland. Burke was ſecured and brought up to New-Caſtle, where he was examined before Judge Finney. He confeſſed that he had on Tueſday night let in an acquaintance, ſervant to a tradeſman in this city; that while he held the candle, the other executed the diabolical buſineſs by ſtriking Mr. M'Auliffe on the head; that they then took his money, which the other carried off, and did not divide till Saturday morning. Burke was then committed to New-

Caſtle gaol, and a meſſenger diſpatched to the Chief Juſtice of this ſtate, who cauſed the murderer to be apprehended, and he is now in priſon. A third perſon was accuſed, but admitted to bail.

It is remarkable, that Monday night being very foggy, the pilot concluded not to proceed down the bay; otherwiſe (the wind being fair) every attempt to overtake the veſſel muſt have been vain. Burke had about him, when ſecured, near 200l. in gold, which proves to be part of the money Mr. M'Auliffe had by him before his death.

At a meeting of the citizens of Dublin, the 21ſt of June laſt, it was propoſed, by an addreſs to the people of Ireland, that a National Congreſs ſhould be held in the city of Dublin, on the 25th of October next, there to deliberate, digeſt, and determine on ſuch meaſures as may ſeem to them moſt conducive to re-eſtabliſh their conſtitution on a ſure and permanent baſis, and ſecure to the inhabitants of that kingdom, Peace, Liberty and Safety.

From a late LONDON PAPER.

Copy of a curious hand-bill lately picked up at Peterborough.—Advertiſement. Wanted for a ſober family, a man of light weight, who fears the Lord, and can drive a pair of horſes. He muſt occaſionally wait at table, join in houſhold prayer, look after the horſes, and read a chapter in the bible. He muſt, God willing, riſe at ſeven in the morning, obey his maſter and miſtreſs in all lawful commands. If he can dreſs hair, ſing pſalms, and play at cribbage, the more agreeable. N. B. He muſt not be too familiar with the maid ſervants of the houſe, leſt the fleſh ſhould rebel againſt the ſpirit, and he be induced to walk in the thorny paths of the wicked.—Wages, fifteen guineas a year.

ALEXANDRIA, *Sept.* 23.

The Receiver of Continental Taxes for this State has acknowledged the Receipt of 6,405 Dollars, during the Month of Auguſt, 1784, for the Uſe of the United States.

A late London Newſpaper mentions, that Lord Cornwallis will ſhortly go out Commander in Chief to India.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. Schooner Harrington, H. Williams, from Philadelphia; Sloop Polly, M. Hart, New-Haven.

Cleared Outwards. Ship Ann, A. Huie, for London.

By the Brig Mary, Captain Roxborough, which arrived at New-York on Saturday the 11th Inſt. after a Paſſage of 45 Days from Greenock, we have the following Advices.

MADRID, June 11.

The following is a liſt of the force compoſing the armament deſtined againſt Algiers:

Spain ſends 74 bomb-ketches, 23 gun-boats, 10 with cohorns, 8 barks for the culverines, and 12 aſſiſting boats with one gun each, beſides 4 ſhips of the line, the Reggio, of 80 guns, the St. Sebaſtian, of 74, the St. Ferdinand, of 74, and the Septentrion, of 68, with 6 frigates and 10 xebecks.

Malta ſends two galliots, 2 hulks, 5 gallies, 2 frigates and 2 ſhips, one of 60, and the other of 70 guns.

Naples furniſhes two ſhips of the line, the St. John and the St. James, 5 frigates, 2 xebecks, and 2 brigantines.

It is ſaid that Portugal will join the above with 5 ſhips of war.

We hear that the Algerines have prepared to oppoſe this armament; 60 barks armed with great guns, and that all their batteries are mounted with a prodigious number of artillery.

Hague, July 4. According to the laſt letters from Smyrna, dated June 1, the plague makes ſuch havock, that from 300 to 500 perſons die there every day. Several villages in the neighbourhood are entirely depopulated. This ſcourge has ſpread through almoſt every part of the Levant. Few places being free from it. The oldeſt people do not remember its having ever raged with ſuch fury as at preſent.

Paris, July 4. To the alliance ſaid to be entered into by the Emperor, Ruſſia, England and Denmark, another will be oppoſed equally formidable, between France, Spain, Sweden, Sardinia, Naples and Holland; though ſome people who have good information, do not believe that things are yet ſo far advanced. They ſay, all that has hitherto been done, is a particular treaty between France and Sweden, the articles of which are prohibited from being ſpoken of.

To be Let on Ground-Rent,

SUNDRY LOTS, lying on Fairfax and Wolf Streets.—For Terms apply to

DENNIS RAMSAY.

Alexandria, Sept. 15, 1784.

TICKETS in the GEORGE-TOWN ACADEMY LOTTERY may be had at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, September 23, 1784.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

On Saturday the 25th Inſt. will be Sold at the Vendue-Office, oppoſite the Court-Houſe,

IRISH linens, dowlas, ſheetings, checks, figured velvets, Marſeilles quilting, bed bunts, cotton counterpanes, oſnaburgs, knives and forks, copper coffee-pots, neat boots, fine and ſtrong ſhoes, glaſs and queen's ware, moloſſes in hogſheads, rum in barrels, muſcovado ſugar in barrels, &c. &c.—Alſo a Negro LAD, who has no fault but that of running away.—To be ſold at private ſale, a SCHOONER BOAT that will carry about 600 buſhels; one half of the purchaſe-money to be paid down, and ſix months credit will be given for the remainder.—If not ſold before next Saturday week, ſhe will be then ſold at Vendue.——Likewiſe a general aſſortment of matreſſes, of the beſt baked hair and wool.—Alſo an elegant ſaddle Horſe. C. COPPER, *Vendue-Maſter.*

Alexandria, Sept. 22, 1784.

☞ *There will be a Vendue every Saturday, except the Saturday preceding Fairfax Court-Day, when it will be poſtponed till Monday, for the benefit of thoſe reſiding in the country.* C. C.

WANTED,

A WET NURSE.

A HEALTHY WOMAN, with a good Breaſt of Milk, may hear of a Place in this Town.—Inquire at the Printing-Office.

Alexandria, Sept. 21, 1784.

To be Sold to the higheſt Bidder, on Tueſday the 12th Day of October next,

A LEASE of LAND, on which the Subſcriber now lives, lying in Fairfax County, containing 368 acres, and about 14 miles from Alexandria. There are on the premiſes a good dwelling-houſe, kitchen, meat-houſe, barn, ſtable, and other convenient out-houſes; alſo, an excellent over-ſhot mill in good repair, 25 acres of excellent meadow already made, and a quantity more may be eaſily improved; likewiſe all the ſtock, conſiſting of horſes, cattle, ſheep, and hogs, houſhold furniture, &c. &c. &c. The terms will be made known on the day of ſale, by PHILIP GRIMES.

Sept. 20, 1784.

STOLEN on Friday night laſt, from George-Town, a LONG-BOAT, belonging to the ſhip Pearce, of about 17 or 18 feet keel, 7 feet wide, a roller on the ſtern, a turpentine bottom, a black and yellow ſtern, painted red in the inſide, and an iron chain 10 or 12 feet long to a ring in the bow. —Any perſon who will ſecure the above deſcribed boat and ſend her to the ſhip, or deliver her to Mr. HARTSHORNE, in Alexandria, ſhall receive EIGHT DOLLARS Reward.

JAMES FENWICK, Maſter.

Sept. 19, 1784.

Twelve Pounds Reward.

RAN away from the Subſcribers on Tueſday morning the 17th of Auguſt laſt, Two Iriſh Servants, named OWEN and DENNIS SULLIVAN.—Owen is of a fair complexion, has black long hair, and about 5 feet 6 inches high: Had on and took with him a long brown coat, light coloured breeches, &c.—Dennis is of a ruddy complexion, has ſhort black hair, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches high, and hangs his head a little on the right ſhoulder, though ſcarce diſcernable: Had on when he went off a ſhort blue double-breaſted jacket and black breeches.—Alſo ran away about harveſt, another Iriſh Servant, named WILLIAM GIBBORN, about 22 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, of a ſandy complexion, and long hair: Had on when he went away a coarſe ſhirt, check trouſers, new ſhoes, a brown waiſtcoat, a ſhort pale blue coat, a ſhoemaker by trade, and took his tools with him. —Whoever will take up and ſecure ſaid Servants in any gaol in the State of Virginia, ſo that the Subſcribers may get them again, ſhall have the above Reward, or Four Pounds for each, paid by

ALEXANDER STUART,
THOMAS MADDOX.

September 20, 1784.

ALL Perſons indebted to the concern of Meſſieurs THOMAS RICHARDSON *and* COMPANY, *for dealings with the late Mr.* THOMAS RICHARDSON, *at their Store in George-Town, are deſired to make immediate payment.—Either Wheat, delivered at Newport Mill or George-Town, as is moſt convenient, or Tobacco or Flaxſeed, will be received in payment at the market-price.—All thoſe who have any claims againſt ſaid concern, will pleaſe to bring them in, that they may be properly adjuſted and paid.*

THOMAS JOHNS,
JAMES M. LINGAN,
WILLIAM THOMPSON,
WILLIAM B. MAGRUDER. } *Attornies.*

Sept. 20, 1784.

TO BE RENTED on the 8th Day of November, in Alexandria,

THE Tract of LAND, formerly the property of Meſſrs. Dow and M'Iver, and ſince rented by them, containing between 3 and 400 acres. This land is within four miles of Alexandria, and has on it a good dwelling-houſe, with four rooms and brick chimnies, a barn, ſtables, &c. as fine a ſpring of water as any in this county, an apple orchard of good fruit, forty acres of well improved meadow, and more may be made, and the ſoil very good for farming.—The advantages attending a tract of land ſo near the town of Alexandria, are ſo great, that it is unneceſſary to ſay more.—At the ſame time will be let on leaſe for three lives, or 21 years, about 300 Acres of LAND, lying on Difficult-Run, where the great road croſſes that leads from Alexandria to Leeſburg, Berkeley, Frederick, &c. about 20 miles from Alexandria.—This tract has on it a very valuable mill-ſeat, ſituated near the road, and there may be made near or quite 50 acres of meadow, the remaining part of the land will be found to be a very proper ſoil for farming, and the country about it is known to be the beſt range for ſtock of any whatever.—The above tracts of land are the property of General WASHINGTON, and will be rented on his account, by

LUND WASHINGTON.

Mount-Vernon, Sept. 22, 1784.

FOR SALE

A PLANTATION, *within 8 miles of Wincheſter, containing 400 acres—the lands are rich, level, and but very little broken with limeſtone, about 60 acres of which are cleared, and under good fences, has a large new barn, and a pretty good overſeer's houſe. —Alſo 300 acres of unimproved Land, lying about 2 miles from the above place.—Likewiſe three very well improved Lots in the borough of Wincheſter, in a very advantageous part of the town for any kind of buſineſs.—Caſh, Tobacco, or Military Certificates will be received in payment, and the terms made known by applying to the Subſcriber.*

JOSEPH HOLMES.

☞ *Alſo for ſale, a large and neat Aſſortment of* MERCHANDIZE, *which he will ſell for very little more than firſt coſt, for Caſh or Tobacco.*

Wincheſter, Sept. 15, 1784. J. H.

LANDS FOR SALE.

To be Sold at Public Vendue, at Mr. DEWITT's *Coffee-Houſe, in Baltimore-Town, on Monday the 22d Day of November next, at 10 o'Clock in the Forenoon,*

ABOUT 900 Acres of that famous Tract of Land, called PHILIPSBURGH, *lying diſtant from Baltimore-Town from half a mile to three and an half miles, and part of it lays on the banks of the River Patapſco and Harris's Creek, where there is good navigation.—It is in general good farming land, well watered, and abounds with timber and firewood. It will be laid off in lots of various ſizes according to their ſituations, many of which will ſuit exceeding well for gentlemens' country ſeats, ſmall farms and gardens.—A plat of the whole will be left at the Auction-Room previous to the day of ſale.—The terms of ſale, are one ſhilling in the pound of the purchaſe-money to be paid down the next day after the ſale, and three years credit to be given for the reſidue, on giving bond with two or more approved ſecurities, with legal intereſt, to be paid annually.—It is expected, as the above terms are ſo advantageous to the purchaſer, there will be great room for ſpeculation.—Any perſon or perſons, deſirous to view the premiſes, previous to the day of ſale, are requeſted to apply to Mr.* MILES LOVE, *living on Goſſuch-Point, near ſaid town.—Attendance will be given at the time and place of ſale, by*

CLEMENT BROOKE,
JOHN MERRYMAN.

Baltimore, Sept. 13, 1784.

To be Sold at Vendue, by the Subſcriber, on Monday the firſt day of November next, on the Premiſes,

THAT beautiful PLANTATION in Charles County, known by the name of Middleton, formerly the property of Dr. GUSTAVUS RICHARD BROWN.—*It runs along a branch of Nangomy Creek for about two miles, verged in moſt parts with a valuable and unimproved marſh, containing 1288 acres. —The buildings are a large dwelling-houſe, with brick chimnies, four rooms below with fireplaces, a large paſſage, four rooms above, one of which has a fireplace, and the houſe in good repair, a part of the plaſter excepted; a framed kitchen, with a buſh chimney, good milk, meat and corn houſes, a ſtable, two new tobacco houſes, a new barn, two quarters, an orchard of excellent fruit, and ſome trees of the beſt Hart, May-Duke, and Cornelian Cherries.—The ſoil produces well wheat, tobacco, Indian corn, &c.—A time for payment will be given, and made known on the day of ſale.—Bond with approved ſecurity will be required, and poſſeſſion given at Chriſtmas.*

ROBERT FERGUSSON.

Port-Tobacco, Sept. 20, 1784.

POETRY.

On FRIENDSHIP.

"TOO oft in chooſing friends we err,
By warm good-nature preſt,
And in a dove-like form receive
A ſerpent to the breaſt.

External beauties ſtrike the eye,
And ſuch attractions wear,
We nothing but perfection ſee,
And ruſh into the ſnare.

No wonder that a pleaſing face,
With winning manners join'd,
Are lov'd by thoſe who cannot trace
The motions of the mind.

There *muſt the laſting beauties lie,*
Which never know decay,
For ev'ry charm, but thoſe within,
Is ſwept by Time *away.*

Th' allurements of external charms,
Can ne'er deceive us long,
Affection *may the union bind,*
Eſteem *muſt make it ſtrong.*

A thouſand ſmiling' flow'ry paths,
To Friendſhip's temple lead;
But thoſe who follow Virtue's ſteps,
Moſt happily ſucceed."

ALEXANDRIA RACES.

ON Tueſday the 26th day of October next, will be run for over the courſe near this Town, the ALEXANDRIA JOCKEY CLUB PURSE of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS, free only for the Members of the Club, the beſt two in three four mile heats. Aged horſes carrying ten ſtone; ſix years old, nine ſtone four pounds; five years old, eight ſtone four pounds; four years old, ſeven ſtone ſix pounds; three years old, ſix ſtone ſix pounds.

On Wedneſday the 27th, will be run for, the TOWN PURSE of SIXTY GUINEAS free for any horſe, mare or gelding (the winning horſe the preceding day excepted.) Aged horſes carrying nine ſtone; ſix years old, eight ſtone ſeven pounds; five years old, ſeven ſtone ten pounds; four years old, ſeven ſtone, and three years old, a feather; the beſt two in three three mile heats. All horſes that run for the above Purſe, to be entered with Mr. JOHN LOMAX on the Monday preceding the day of ſtarting, and to pay Two Guineas entrance, or double at the poſt.

And, on Thurſday the 28th, the JOCKEY CLUB Purſe of FIFTY GUINEAS, by four and three years old, and free only for Members of the Club. Four years old, carrying ſeven ſtone ſix pounds; and three years old, ſix ſtone ſix pounds; the beſt two in three two mile heats. The horſes to ſtart preciſely at 12 o'clock each day. No horſe will be allowed to ſtart whoſe rider is not dreſſed in a ſilk jacket, jockey cap, and half boots. Judges are appointed who will determine all diſputes. The Members to dine together at Mr. LOMAX's on the firſt day of the races.—Dinner to be on the table at 3 o'clock.

☞ It is earneſtly requeſted, that the Members ſend in their Subſcriptions before the tenth of October.

Auguſt 15, 1784.

On Tueſday the Fifth Day of October next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be ſold to the higheſt Bidder,

THE *Subſcriber's late dwelling Plantation in Charles County, about ſix miles below Piſcataway, and on the main road leading from that place to Port-Tobacco; it contains about* 580 *acres, is well ſtocked with wood and timber, the ſoil is of the firſt quality, and a large proportion of it is valuable meadow ground. The improvements are a good dwelling-houſe, all the uſual out-houſes, and an excellent apple orchard. The water is fine and the ſituation uncommonly healthy. Credit for three years, if required, will be given upon paying one third annually.*

S. HANSON, of Samuel.

Aug. 15, 1784.

Berkeley, Auguſt 30, 1784.

FOR SALE,

THREE Thouſand Acres of choice LAND, well watered, and a conſiderable proportion of it may, with little expence, be made excellent meadow. The upland is rich and well adapted to wheat, corn, or tobacco. I ſhall be on the premiſes until the 10th of October next, when the terms will be made known to any perſon inclining to purchaſe. RALPH WORMELEY.

FREDERICKSBURG JOCKEY-CLUB RACES.

ON Monday the 4th day of October next, will be run for, over the courſe at Frederickſburg, a Purſe of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS—On Tueſday the 2d day, a Purſe of FIFTY POUNDS—On Wedneſday the 3d day, a Purſe of FIFTY POUNDS; agreeable to the rules of the Frederickſburg Jockey-Club. Heats four miles, carrying weights as follow: Aged, 10 ſtone, 140lb.—6 years, 9 ſtone 4lb. is 130lb.—5 years, 8 ſtone 4lb. is 116lb.—4 years, 7 ſtone 4lb. is 102lb.—3 years, 6 ſtone 4lb. is 88lb.

And on Thurſday the 4th day, a Purſe of FORTY POUNDS, to be run for by three years old only, two mile heats, to carry 6 ſtone 4lb. is 88lb.—The horſes to be entered with Mr. John Benſon, on the day preceding the race, and proper certificates of their age then produced. The horſes to ſtart preciſely on each day at eleven o'clock; and no nag will be allowed to ſtart unleſs the rider is dreſſed in a ſilk jacket, jockey-cap and half-boots. A dinner will be provided for the members, on the firſt day of the races, at the expence of the club.

September 8, 1784.

FOR SALE,

That beautiful Seat MOUNT-FELICITY, in the County of Berkeley in the State of Virginia, where the Subſcriber lives, containing 1125 Acres:

FEW Tracts of Land poſſeſs as many advantages as this—Bullikin, a fine never failing limeſtone ſtream running nearly through the middle of it affords conveniencies and advantages rarely to be met with, particularly two very fine mill ſeats, one of which has a fall of twenty two feet nine inches; and from the ſtream a large quantity of meadow may be watered. The ſoil is rich, the land level, well timbered and but little broken with the limeſtone, about four hundred acres of the land are cleared and in excellent order for cropping, every field having a communication with the water and under good fences.—There are about forty acres of fine Timothy meadow, and the quantity may be encreaſed to an hundred acres, the greateſt part of which may at all ſeaſons of the year be watered from the ſtream. As this land lies open to the barrens, where there are many hundred acres without timber, and thick ſet with blue graſs, it affords one of the fineſt ranges in America. The improvements are a good ſtone dwelling-houſe, kitchen, ſpring houſe, and other neceſſary out houſes. The ſituation is about two miles from Shenandoah river, and ten from Harper's ferry on Potomack. Upon paying a part of the money in hand, a long credit will be given for the remainder. For further particulars and a view of the premiſes inquire of JOHN GAUNTT.

Auguſt 12, 1784.

THE Subſciber begs leave to inform the Public that he has opened a TAVERN in the ſtone houſe in Leeſburg, formerly kept by Mr. Craven Peyton, and known by the name of the *Red Lion*, which ſign he ſtill continues, where he hopes to meet with encouragement, having laid in a ſufficient ſtock of the beſt liquors, and furniſhed the ſaid houſe with every thing neceſſary to render it a commodious, well regulated and pleaſing houſe of entertainment; and he begs leave to aſſure thoſe gentlemen who may honor him with their cuſtom, that every endeavour will be exerted to give general ſatisfaction, and every favour conferred will be gratefully acknowledged, by their devoted humble ſervant, HENRY M'CABE.

Leeſburg, Aug. 25, 1784.

Alexandria, Sept. 2, 1784.

THE *Subſcriber will rent or ſell the Dwelling-Houſe and Store where he now lives, for one or more years. Alſo, his new Brick Houſe adjoining the ſame, with eight rooms, Store, Kitchen and a Cellar under the whole building, with a convenient ſtable for four horſes, which may eaſily be converted into a warehouſe if neceſſary. Poſſeſſion will be given about the 21ſt of October next, or perhaps ſooner. For terms apply to* ROBERT LYLE.

Will be let on ground-rent for ever, on the Fourth Tueſday in October next, at Mr. Lomax's Tavern,

FORTY LOTS *adjoining the town of Alexandria, by the executors of Mr.* JOHN ALEXANDER, *who will make proper titles.*

WILLIAM ALEXANDER,
W. GIBBONS STUART.

Aug. 7, 1784.
N. B. Many of the Lots lie on the river.

Juſt imported and to be Sold on Board the Brig Betſey, James Barr, Maſter, lying at Mr. Watſon's Wharf, the following GOODS on the moſt reaſonable Terms, viz.

MADEIRA *Wine, New-England Rum, powdered and Muſcovado Sugars, Molaſſes, Mackarel, and a few Barrels of Pitch.*

Alexandria, Sept. 14, 1784.

Alexandria, Sept. 15, 1784.

THE *Subſcribers will ſell, or leaſe on ground-rent for ever, Four* LOTS *of* GROUND *well ſituated in this town.—They have alſo for ſale an aſſortment of* DRY GOODS.—*Inquire at the Poſt-Office.* M'CREA *and* MEASE.

WILLIAM LOWRY, And COMPANY,

Having imported from London a general Aſſortment of GOODS, *ſuitable to the Seaſon, take this Method of informing the Public that they have opened a Store in Fairfax-ſtreet, on the Corner of Queen-ſtreet, and will ſell on reaſonable Terms, Wholeſale only, for Caſh, Tobacco, Flaxſeed, Snake-Root, Genſang, or ſhort Credit; amongſt them are the following Articles, viz.*

A *Variety of Iriſh linens, ſuperfine and Saliſbury cloths, blue naps, green baize, durants, tammies, calamancoes, ruſſels, moreens, a variety of gauze handkerchiefs and aprons, net ditto, crape, riddle, ſpotted, chain and ſouflee gauzes, aprons and trimmings, brocaded, lawn, patent and net handkerchiefs, coloured tiffanies, ſquare and 3-quarter modes, ½ ell white and black ſatins, point lace, painted, figured and plain ribbons, a variety of hard ware, jeans, demities and muſlin cords, cotton and thread hoſe, counterpanes, printed calicoes in patches, cottons, Barcelona handkerchiefs, black ſatin florentines, ſewing ſilk, twiſt and bag buttons, &c. &c. &c.*

A variety of coatings, duffils, blanketing, and every denomination of fall goods, are hourly expected.

Alexandria, Sept. 15, 1784.

JOHN RUMNEY and CO.

Have for Sale, at their Store, adjoining Mr. S. M. Brown's Store, Fairfax-Street, Alexandria,

A Neat Aſſortment of European Goods, ſuitable to the ſeaſon, which they will ſell low for Caſh or Country Produce.

Alexandria, Sept. 8, 1784.

Waſher Blunt,

Block-Maker in Alexandria,

WANTS *Two LADS, about Fourteen Years of Age, as Apprentices.*

Sept. 16, 1784.

Ten Dollars Reward.

RAN *away from the Subſcriber, living in Fairfax County, Virginia, on Sunday the* 12th *inſt. a* Mulatto Man, *named* DANIEL, *about* 5 *feet,* 10 *or* 11 *inches high,* 21 *years of age, and has a large ſcar on his belly: Had on and took with him a brown camlet coat, ſtriped cotton jacket, one white linen ſhirt, white cotton ribbed breeches, a good hat, good ſhoes and ſtockings, and coarſe country linen ſhirt and trouſers. Whoever ſecures ſaid fellow in any gaol, ſo that his maſter may get him again, ſhall have the above reward, and reaſonable charges if brought home, paid by*

JOSHUA FERGUSON.

Sept. 13, 1784.

EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN *away about the* 31ſt *of May laſt, from the plantation of Col. Henry Lee, jun. near the Little Falls of Potomack,* a likely young Negro Man, *named ELGIN, about* 25 *years of age, ſix feet and one inch high, has a bit out of one ſide of his noſe, and is ſomewhat pitted with the ſmall-pox: Had on and took with him ſuch clothes as Negroes generally wear, likewiſe a broad ax, a foot adze, and a drawing-knife, and has been uſed to work at the carpenter's buſineſs.—I expect he is in the neighbourhood of the Red Houſe, Prince-William County, as he has a wife at that place.—Whoever will ſecure ſaid fellow in any gaol, or deliver him to me near the Little Falls, ſhall have the above Reward and all reaſonable charges, paid by* L. HIPKINS.

Fairfax County, Sept. 16, 1784.

THE *WINCHESTER POST-RIDER would be much obliged to the Gentlemen of this town who have encouraged his riding by their generous Subſcriptions, if they would depoſit a part thereof in the hands of Mr.* RICHARDS, *with whom the ſubſcription-paper is lodged, as he is now in much want of a little money to defray his expences.*

Auguſt 18, 1784.

Alexandria, March 4, 1784.

THE Subſcriber has for Sale, in this Town ſundry LOTS, or Parcels of GROUND on ſeveral Streets, and well ſituated.

WILLIAM RAMSAY.

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